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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER HARTLING'S COMMENTS ON EC SUMMIT DINNER

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SUMMARY: I MET WITH PRIME MINISTER HARTLING SEPT. 18
AND ASKED HIM FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE DINNER HE HAD
ATTENDED IN PARIS LAST SATURDAY WITH THE OTHER EIGHT HEADS
OF GOVERNMENT OF THE EC COUNTRIES. THE PRIMIN BEGAN BY
SAYING THAT IT WAS A VERY INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER; AS
GISCARD HAD PUT IT, HE HAD INTIED THEM ALL TOGETHER

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"THE THINK ALOUD". THERE WAS NO AGENDA AND NO COM-

MUNIQUE AND EACH PARTICIPANT HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO SPEAK COMPLETELY FREELY ON ANY SUBJECT HE WANTED. PRIMIN DEN UYL HAD ARRIVED LATER THAN THE OTHERS, UNDERSTANDABLY INTENSELY PREOCCUPIED WITH THE SEIZURE OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE. HARTLING SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION HAD BEEN ALMOST ENTIRELY ABOUT EUROPEAN AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, WITH NO DISCUSSION OF DEFENSE AND NOT A WORD HE COULD REMEMBER ABOUT NATO. END SUMMARY.

1. AGRICULTURAL POLICY - THIS HAD RECEIVED A GOOD DEAL OF ATTENTION, WITH CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM (INCLUDING DANISH) OF NATIONAL FORMS OF SUPPORT. IT HAD BECOME CLEAR, HARTLING SAID, THAT WHILE THE GERMANS WERE PREPARED TO PAY MORE THAN THEIR PROPORTIONATE SHARE UNDER THE CAP REGULATIONS THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO CONTINUE INDIRECTLY TO FOOT THE BILL FOR NATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS - THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF EC INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS. HARTLING EXPLAINED THAT WHEN THE COMMUNITY WAS NEW THE COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS SEEMED TO HAVE OVERSHADOWED THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, BUT HE THOUGHT THE WEIGHT WAS NOW SHIFTING IN THE OTHER DIRECTION. SINCE THERE WERE VARIOUS COUNCILS OF MINISTERS (FOREIGN, AGRICULTURE, FINANCE, ETC.) THERE HAD BEEN A DISCUSSION OF HOW TO RELATE OR TO UNIFY THE. THE HEADS OF GOVT HAD ALSO CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL COOPERATION, WHICH HARTLING EXPLAINED AS THE IDEA OF THE NINE SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE. HE ADDED, WITH A TOUCH OF HIS DRY HUMOR, THAT THEY NOW DO THIS WHEN THEY AGREE AND THEY DON'T DO IT WHEN THEY DON'T AGREE. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT IN GENERAL THAT THERE HAD BEEN AGREEMENT AMONG THE NINE ON POLITICAL ISSUES MUCH MORE FREQUENTLY THAN THERE HAD BEEN DISAGREEMENT. CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO WHETHER A SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO GUIDE AND COORDINATE THIS PROCESS OF POLITICAL COOPERATION. HE INDICATED THAT SUCH A SECRETARIAT MIGHT BE A ROTATING INSTITUTION FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENCY RATHER THAN A BODY ESTABLISHED IN ONE PLACE.

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3. ENERGY - THIS HAD BEEN ONE OF THE TOPICS RECEIVING MOST ATTENTION. HARTLING SAID THAT HE HAD MENTIONED THAT THE DANES WERE VERY PLEASED TO BE PARTICIPANTS IN THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP. WHEN GISCARD SAID THAT THE FRENCH WERE NOT PREPARED TO JOIN THE ECG, HARTLING TOLD HIM THEY SHOULD. HE HAD MADE THE POINT THAT IN ENERGY COOPERATION THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES COULD NOT DO WITHOUT

SOME COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF THE NINE, SUCH AS THE U.S. AND JAPAN, BUT AS MEMBERS OF THE NINE THEY COULD NOT DO WITHOUT FRANCE. HARTLING SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE BRITISH WERE NOT GIVING SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO THE ECG AT THIS TIME, CERTAINLY NOT AT THE PRIME MINISTER LEVEL, BECAUSE THEY WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS.

4. MONETARY AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS - THERE HAD BEEN A GENERAL REALIZATION THAT MONETARY UNION WOULD TAKE SOME TIME. THE HEADS OF GOVT HAD DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A SYSTEM OF TRYING TO BALANCE EXTERNAL ACCOUNTS ON A BILATERAL, A COMMUNITY, AND EVEN ON A WORLD BASIS. HE HIMSELF THOUGHT SUCH A SYSTEM WAS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE BUT ALSO VERY NECESSARY.

5. FUTURE SUMMIT MEETINGS: HARTLING SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THAT GISCARD WOULD CALL ANOTHER INFORMAL LUNCHEON OR DINNER MEETING SOMETIME DURING THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY, PROBABLY IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER. A DECISION MIGHT EVEN BE MADE TO CALL IT A SUMMIT MEETING. ON THE OTHER HAND GISCARD MAY DECIDE THAT THE SITUATION HAD MOVED FAR ENOUGH THAT A FORMAL SUMMIT WAS DESIRABLE AND POSSIBLE. MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON THE SITUATION IN BRITAIN AFTER THE ELECTIONS. HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT THERE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE A FULL SCALE SUMMIT AND THAT AN INFORMAL MEETING WOULD BE THE LIKELY OUTCOME.

6. COMMENT - THE PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN IN ALMOST CONTINUOUS NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS TRYING TO SAVE HIS GOVT. HE APPEARED A LITTLE TIRED BUT WAS CHEERFUL AND FRIENDLY AS HE HAS BEEN IN ALL OUT CONVERSATIONS. HE WAS AT PAINS TO TELL ME THAT THE HEADS OF GOVT HAD AGREED THAT THEIR TALKS WOULD BE KEPT PRIVATE AND HE ASKED ME TO

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HOLD IN CONFIDENCE WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME. I ASSURED HIM THAT WE WOULD RESPECT HIS REQUEST AND THAT I WAS GRATEFUL FOR WHAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO PASS ON TO ME.
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